

## ICNZ LAUNCH DAYS

At the start of December, ICNZ held its first Open Day simultaneously across Stromness, Lerwick, Stornoway and online. A drop in information area was in place, along with panel discussions on key topics such as housing, transport, agriculture and local enterprise.

There was a fantastic turnout of community members and local organisations across all three locations, with brilliant insights shared by a diverse range of panelists and attendees alike.

A lot of great feedback was received on the Open Day and ICNZ are delighted to be able to start engaging with people across the islands and online. ICNZ's current work is focused on consolidating the discussions of the day. This will feed into the priorities and opportunities the ICNZ should be acting upon in the next year. They look forward to holding further events and bringing more groups to the table as the project unfolds.



## UHI OUTER HEBRIDES CAMPUS

The redevelopment works at the UHI Outer Hebrides campus are progressing well.

One of the main components of the construction work is to establish a Newton Room. This space will provide learning experiences for school pupils in science, technology, engineering and maths subjects. A hub is also being created which will give students a space to socialise and collaborate.

It is anticipated that all the redevelopment work will be completed in the summer, ready for the next academic year.



# SUPPLIER DEVELOPMENT WEBINAR

The Supplier Development Programme are hosting a free webinar, in partnership with the Islands Growth Deal on Tuesday 5th March 2-3:30pm.

The webinar will give an introduction for suppliers to learn about some of the projects and opportunities across Orkney, Shetland and Outer Hebrides that are planned over the next decade. It will also provide information regarding free support available to businesses and social enterprises to bid for public sector contracts.

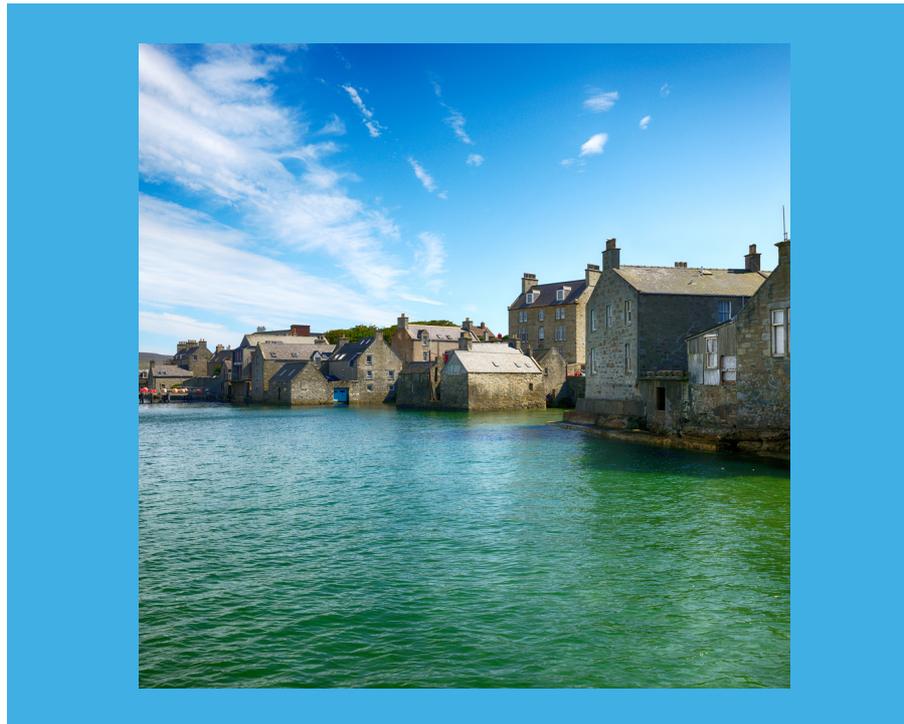
For further information or to register for the webinar please email [islandsgrowthdeal@cne-siar.gov.uk](mailto:islandsgrowthdeal@cne-siar.gov.uk)



## WHAT'S NEXT?

Work continues to develop Full Business Cases for the agreed projects and programmes within the Islands Deal. These will come forward as each investment is at an appropriate stage of readiness, including having a full match funding package in place.

Other projects hoping to be initiated in 2024 include Shetland's Knab project, and the inter-islands Creative Islands Wellbeing programme.



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